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SUBJ: PRESS REACTION TO SYMINGTON SUBCOMMITTEE TRANSCRIPT

1. SEPT 15 WASHINGTON POST IN LEAD EDITORIAL "HIDDEN SUBSIDIES FOR AID IN VIET-NAM" HAS FOLLOWED UP SYMINGTON SUBCOMMITTEE HEARINGS ON KOREA WITH A FURTHER JAB AT MERCENARY ISSUE, REPEATING ALLEGATION OF "DOLS 1 BILLION OUTLAY IN CONNECTION WITH THE SENDING OF TWO KOREAN DIVISIONS TO VIET-NAM". QUOTING PARK THAT "WE... CAN NOT SIT ON OUR HANDS AND SEE ONE OF OUR FRIENDLY ALLIES BECOME PREY TO COMMUNIST INVASION" POST STATES PARK'S GOVERNMENT, HOWEVER, DROVE A HARD BARGAIN WITH AMBASSADOR BROWN. "NOT ONLY DID THE U.S. AGREE TO PAY THE COST OF OVERSEAS ALLOWANCES, DOUBLE DEATH AND DISABILITY GRATUITIES, TRAINING AND EQUIPMENT COSTS, BUT ALSO EXTENSIVE OUTLAYS FOR MODERNIZATION AND MAINTENANCE OF THE KOREAN ARMY." EDITORIAL PRESENTS SELECTED EXCHANGE OF REMARKS BETWEEN BROWN AND FULBRIGHT, PURPOSE OF WHICH IS TO SUPPORT EDITORIAL CONTENTION THAT U.S. WAS CLAIMING OTHER COUNTRIES WERE SUPPORTING OUR EFFORTS IN VIET-NAM WHILE IN EFFECT U.S. WAS PAYING FOR THEIR TROOPS. EDITORIAL CONCLUDES THAT MAIN QUESTION NOT "OF EXTENDING REASONABLE HELP TO AN ALLY WITH FEWER RESOURCES THAN WE HAVE, BUT OF USING SECRET SUBSIDIES TO GIVE THE APPEARANCE OF WIDESPREAD SUPPORT FOR A DUBIOUS VENTURE."

2. NO QUESTIONS REGARDING HEARINGS HAVE BEEN RAISED AT NOON BRIEFINGS. ROGERS

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